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- Support for a redundant power unit
- Spanning Tree Protocol
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- Full support for VLANs with GVRP
- IGMP multicast filtering and snooping
- Support for jumbo frames up to 9 KB
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Avertissment: Ports pour fibres optiques - sécurité sur le plan optique

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Underwriters Laboratories Compliance Statement

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Operating Voltage	Cord Set Specifications
120 Volts	UL Listed/CSA Certified Cord Set
	Minimum 18 AWG
	Type SVT or SJT three conductor cord
	Maximum length of 15 feet
	Parallel blade, grounding type attachment plug rated 15 A, 125 V
240 Volts (Europe only)	Cord Set with H05VV-F cord having three conductors with minimum diameter of 0.75 mm^2
	IEC-320 receptacle
	Male plug rated 10 A, 250 V

The unit automatically matches the connected input voltage. Therefore, no additional adjustments are necessary when connecting it to any input voltage within the range marked on the rear panel.

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1. Bitte lesen Sie diese Hinweise sorgfältig durch.
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5. Das Gerät ist vor Feuchtigkeit zu schützen.
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8. Beachten Sie beim Anschluß an das Stromnetz die Anschlußwerte.
9. Verlegen Sie die Netzanschlußleitung so, daß niemand darüber fallen kann. Es sollte auch nichts auf der Leitung abgestellt werden.
10. Alle Hinweise und Warnungen, die sich am Gerät befinden, sind zu beachten.
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14. Wenn folgende Situationen auftreten ist das Gerät vom Stromnetz zu trennen und von einer qualifizierten Servicestelle zu überprüfen:
    a. Netzkabel oder Netzstecker sind beschädigt.
    b. Flüssigkeit ist in das Gerät eingedrungen.
    c. Das Gerät war Feuchtigkeit ausgesetzt.
    d. Wenn das Gerät nicht der Bedienungsanleitung entsprechend funktioniert oder Sie mit Hilfe dieser Anleitung keine Verbesserung erzielen.
    e. Das Gerät ist gefallen und/oder das Gehäuse ist beschädigt.
    f. Wenn das Gerät deutliche Anzeichen eines Defektes aufweist.
15. Zum Netzanschluß dieses Gerätes ist eine geprüfte Leitung zu verwenden. Für einen Nennstrom bis 6 A und einem Gerätegewicht größer 3 kg ist eine Leitung nicht leichter als H05VV-F, 3G, 0.75 mm² einzusetzen.

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CHAPTER 1
ABOUT THE TIGERSWITCH 10/100/1000

Overview

SMC's TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 is an intelligent Gigabit Ethernet switch with 24 10/100/1000BASE-T ports, four of which are combo ports that are shared with four Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) transceiver slots. This switch can easily tame your network with full support for Spanning Tree Protocol, Multicast Switching, Virtual LANs.

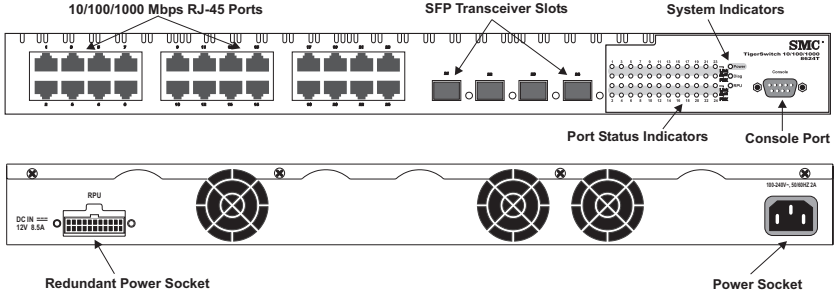

Figure 1-1. Front and Rear Panels

Switch Architecture

The TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 employs a wire-speed, non-blocking switching fabric. This permits simultaneous wire-speed transport of multiple packets at low latency on all ports. This switch also features full-duplex capability on all ports, which effectively doubles the bandwidth of each connection.

Switching Method

The switch uses store-and-forward switching to ensure maximum data integrity. With store-and-forward switching, the entire packet must be received into a buffer and checked for validity before being forwarded. This prevents errors from being propagated throughout the network.

Management Options

This switch contains a comprehensive array of LEDs for "at-a- glance" monitoring of network and port status. It also includes a built-in network management agent that allows the switch to be managed in-band using SNMP or RMON (Groups 1, 2, 3 and 9) protocols, with a Web browser, or remotely via Telnet. The switch provides an RS-232 serial port (DB-9 connector) on the front panel for out-of-band management. A PC may be connected to this port for configuration and monitoring out-of band via a null-modem cable. (See Appendix B for wiring options.)

This switch provides a wide range of advanced performance-enhancing features. Port-based and tagged VLANs, plus support for automatic GVRP VLAN registration and IGMP multicast filtering provide traffic security and efficient use of network bandwidth. QoS priority queueing ensures the minimum delay for moving real-time multimedia data across the network. Flow control eliminates the loss of packets due to bottlenecks caused by port saturation. Broadcast storm control prevents broadcast traffic storms from engulfing the network. Some of this switch's advanced features are described below. For a detailed description, refer to the Management Guide.

Spanning Tree Protocol

The TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 supports IEEE 802.1D Spanning Tree Protocol. This protocol adds a level of fault tolerance by allowing two or more redundant connections to be created between a pair of LAN segments. When there are multiple physical paths between segments, the protocol will choose a single path and disable all others to ensure that only one route exists between any two stations on the network. This prevents the creation of network loops. However, if the chosen path should fail for any reason, an alternate path will be activated to maintain the connection.

The default setting for the Spanning Tree Protocol is "enabled." This protocol may be configured out-of-band via the serial console port, or in-band via the Web interface, Telnet, or SNMP network management software.

VLANs

The TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 supports up to 255 VLANs. A Virtual LAN is a collection of network nodes that share the same collision domain regardless of their physical location or connection point in the network. By segmenting your network into VLANs, you can:

- Eliminate broadcast storms which severely degrade performance in a flat network.
- Simplify network management for node changes/moves by remotely configuring VLAN membership for any port, rather than having to manually change the node's IP address.
- Provide data security by restricting all traffic to the originating VLAN, except where a connection is explicitly defined via the switch's routing service.

Multicast Switching

Specific multicast traffic can be assigned to its own VLAN to ensure that it does not interfere with normal network traffic and to guarantee real-time delivery by setting the required priority level for the designated VLAN. The switch uses IGMP Snooping and IGMP to manage multicast group registration.

Traffic Priority

This switch provides Class of Service (CoS) by prioritizing each packet based on the required level of service, using four distinct queues with Weighted Round Robin queuing for each port. It uses IEEE 802.1p and 802.1Q tags to prioritize incoming traffic based on input from the end-station application. These functions can be used to provide independent priorities for different types of traffic, such as delay-sensitive data and best-effort data.

Description of Hardware

1000BASE-T Ports

These ports are RJ-45 ports that operate at 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps and 1000 Mbps, full and half duplex. Because all ports on this switch support automatic MDI/MDI-X operation, you can use straight-through cables for all network connections to PCs or servers, or to other switches or hubs. (See "1000BASE-T Pin Assignments" on page B-4.)

Each of these ports support auto-negotiation, so the optimum transmission mode (half or full duplex), and data rate (10, 100, or 1000 Mbps) can be selected automatically. If a device connected to one of these ports does not support auto-negotiation, the communication mode of that port can be configured manually.

Each port also supports IEEE 802.3x auto-negotiation of flow control, so the switch can automatically prevent port buffers from becoming saturated.

SFP Slots

The Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) transceiver slots are shared with four of the RJ-45 ports (Ports 21~24). If an SFP transceiver (purchased separately) is installed in a slot and has a valid link on the port, the associated RJ-45 port is disabled.

Status LEDs

The LEDs, which are located on the front panel for easy viewing, are shown below and described in the following table.

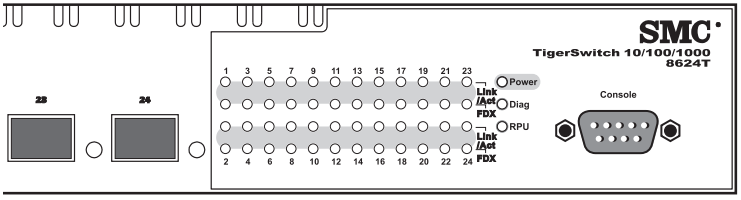

Figure 1-2. Port and System LEDs

Port Status LEDs		
LED	**Condition**	**Status**
Gigabit Ethernet Ports (Ports 1~24)		
Link/Act	On/Flashing Amber	Port has established a valid 10/100 Mbps network connection. Flashing indicates activity.
	On/Flashing Green	Port has established a valid 1000 Mbps network connection. Flashing indicates activity.
	Off	There is no valid link on the port.
FDX	On Green	Port is operating in full-duplex mode.
	Off	Port is operating in half-duplex mode.
SFP Transceivers Slots		
(Ports 21~24)	On Green	An SFP transceiver port has established a valid 1000 Mbps network connection. The associated RJ-45 port is disabled.
	Off	An SFP transceiver port has no valid link. The associated RJ-45 port is enabled.

System Status LEDs		
LED	**Condition**	**Status**
Power	On Green	The unit's internal power supply is operating normally.
	On Red	The unit's internal power supply has failed.
	Off	The unit has no power connected.
RPU	On Green	The redundant power unit is operating normally.
	On Red	The redundant power unit has failed.
	Off	No redundant power unit is connected.
Diag.	On Green	The system diagnostic test has completed successfully.
	Flashing Green	The system diagnostic test is in progress.
	On Red	The system diagnostic test has detected a fault.

Optional Redundant Power Unit

SMC provides an optional Redundant Power Unit (RPU), SMCRPU600W, that can supply power to the switch in the event of failure of the internal power supply.

Power Supply Receptacles

There are two power receptacles on the rear panel of the switch. The standard power receptacle is for the AC power cord. The receptacle labeled "RPU" is for the optional Redundant Power Unit.

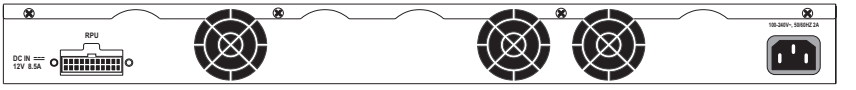

Figure 1-3. Power Supply Receptacles

Features and Benefits

Connectivity

- 24 10/100/1000BASE-T ports for easy Fast Ethernet integration and for protection of your investment in legacy LAN equipment
- Four Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) transceiver slots that are shared with four of the 10/100/1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet ports
- Auto-negotiation enables each RJ-45 port to automatically select the optimum communication mode (half or full duplex) if this feature is supported by the attached device; otherwise the port can be configured manually
- Independent RJ-45 10/100/1000BASE-T ports with support for auto MDI/MDI-X
- Unshielded (UTP) cable supported on all RJ-45 ports: Category 3, 4 or 5 for 10 Mbps connections, Category 5 for 100 Mbps connections, and Category 5 or 5e for 1000 Mbps connections
- IEEE 802.3u, IEEE 802.3z, and IEEE 802.3ab compliant
- Up to 32K-entry, media access control (MAC) address cache
- IEEE 802.1Q based tagged VLAN
- IEEE 802.1p Class of Service (CoS) through four priority queues for each port
- IEEE 802.3ad link aggregation: up to six aggregated trunks per switch

Performance

- Transparent bridging
- Provides Store-and-Forward switching
- Supports flow control, using back pressure for half duplex and IEEE 802.3x for full duplex
- Spanning Tree Protocol
- Broadcast storm control
- Internet group management protocol (IGMP) snooping support
- Back pressure flow control for half-duplex operation
- Port mirroring
- Auto MDI/MDIX support for the 10/100/1000BASE-T ports
- MAC addresses lookup based on port, virtual local area network (VLAN) ID, and MAC addresses
- Includes support for an optional Redundant Power Unit
- Desktop or rack-mountable
- Limited lifetime warranty

Management

- "At-a-glance" LEDs for easy troubleshooting
- Network management agent:
  - Web-based management with embedded HTTP server
  - Command line management through four in-band Telnet sessions, and an out-of-band RS-232 console port (VT100)
  - Simple network management protocol (SNMP)-based network management via an SNMP management console application
  - RADIUS access control
  - Software upload via TFTP
  - Dual firmware image support
  - Supports BOOTP and DHCP for IP address assignment
  - Hardware assisted remote monitoring (RMON) statistics collection

CHAPTER 2
NETWORK PLANNING

Introduction to Switching

A network switch allows simultaneous transmission of multiple packets via non-crossbar switching. This means that it can partition a network more efficiently than bridges or routers. The switch has, therefore, been recognized as one of the most important building blocks for today's networking technology.

When performance bottlenecks are caused by congestion at the network access point (such as the network card for a high-volume file server), the device experiencing congestion (server, power user or hub) can be attached directly to a switched port. And, by using full-duplex mode, the bandwidth of the dedicated segment can be doubled to maximize throughput.

When networks are based on repeater (hub) technology, the maximum distance between end stations is limited. For Ethernet, there may be up to four hubs between any pair of stations; for Fast Ethernet, the maximum is two. This is known as the hop count. However, a switch turns the hop count back to zero, so subdividing the network into smaller and more manageable segments, and linking them to the larger network by means of a switch, removes this limitation.

A switch can be easily configured in any Ethernet or Fast Ethernet network to significantly boost bandwidth while using conventional cabling and network cards.

Sample Applications

The TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 is not only designed to segment your network, but also to provide a wide range of options in setting up network connections. Some typical applications are described below.

Collapsed Backbone

The TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 is an excellent choice for mixed Ethernet and Fast Ethernet installations where significant growth is expected in the near future. In a basic stand-alone configuration, the TigerSwitch can provide direct 10, 100, or 1000 Mbps full-duplex connections for up to 24 workstations or servers. When the time comes for further network expansion, you can easily build on this basic configuration by adding Gigabit Ethernet links directly to one or more workgroup switches.

In the figure below, the TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 is operating as a collapsed backbone for a small LAN. It is providing dedicated 20 Mbps full-duplex connections to workstations, 200 Mbps full-duplex connections to power users, and 2 Gbps full-duplex connections to servers.

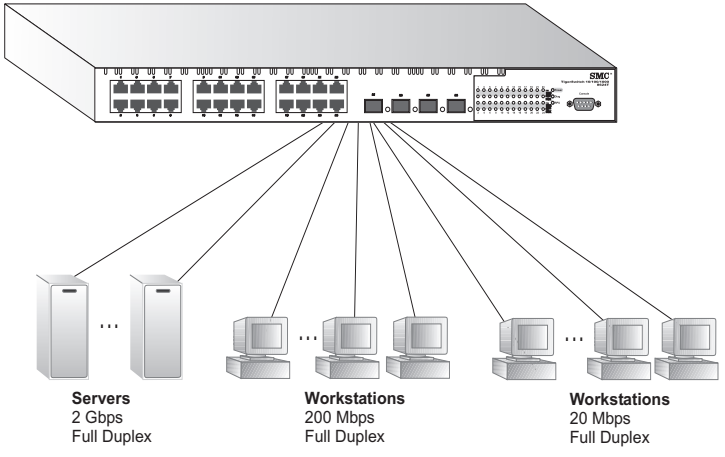

Figure 2-1. Collapsed Backbone

Central Wiring Closet

With 24 parallel bridging ports (i.e., 24 distinct collision domains), the TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 can collapse a complex network down into a single efficient bridged node, increasing overall bandwidth and throughput.

In the figure below, the 10/100/1000BASE-T ports on the TigerSwitch are providing Gigabit connectivity for up to 24 segments. In addition, the switch is also connecting servers at 2 Gbps full duplex.

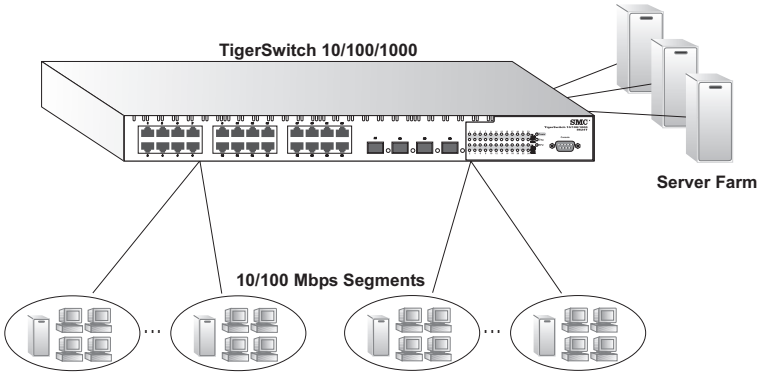

Figure 2-2. Central Wiring Closet

Remote Connections with Fiber Cable

Fiber optic technology allows for longer cabling than any other media type. A 1000BASE-LX SFP transceiver link can connect to a site up to 5 km away. This allows the TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 to serve as a collapsed backbone, providing direct connectivity for a widespread LAN. A Gigabit SFP transceiver can also be used for a high-speed connection between floors in the same building, or to connect to other buildings in a campus setting. The figure below illustrates a TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 connecting multiple segments with fiber cable.

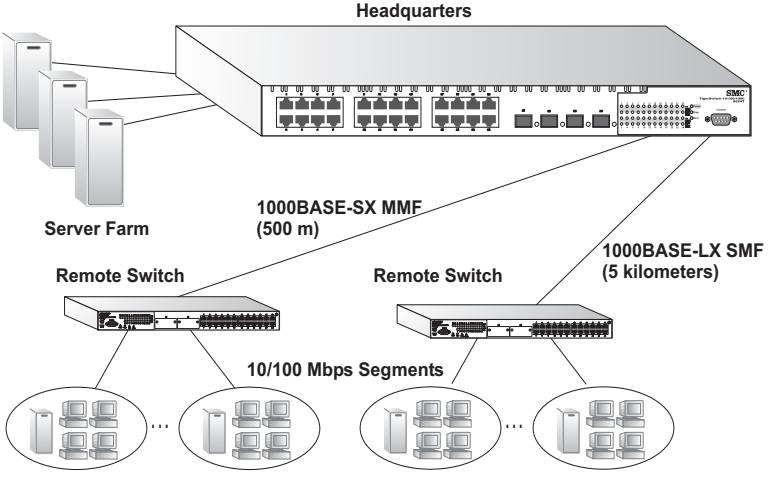

Figure 2-3. Collapsed Backbone Using Fiber Cable

Making VLAN Connections

VLANs can be based on port groups, or each data frame can be explicitly tagged to identify the VLAN group it belongs to. When using port-based VLANs, ports can either be assigned to one specific group or to all groups. Port-based VLANs are suitable for small networks. A single switch can be easily configured to support several VLAN groups for various organizational entities (such as Finance and Marketing).

When you expand port-based VLANs across several switches, you need to make a separate connection for each VLAN group. This approach is, however, inconsistent with the Spanning Tree Protocol, which can easily segregate ports that belong to the same VLAN. When VLANs cross separate switches, it is therefore better to use VLAN tagging. This allows you to assign multiple VLAN groups to the "trunk" ports (that is, tagged ports) connecting different switches.

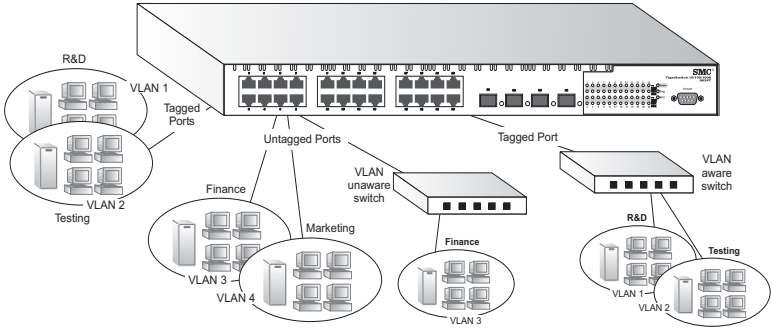

Figure 2-4. Making VLAN Connections

Note: When connecting to a switch that does not support IEEE 802.1Q VLAN tags, use untagged ports.

Connectivity Rules

When adding hubs (repeaters) to your network, please follow the connectivity rules listed below for Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, and Gigabit Ethernet. However, note that because switches break up the path for connected devices into separate collision domains, you should not include the switch or connected cabling in your calculations for cascade length involving other devices.

1000 Mbps Gigabit Ethernet Collision Domain

Maximum 1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet Cable Length	
Cable Type	**Maximum Cable Length**
Category 5, 5e 100-ohm UTP or STP	100 m (328 ft)

Maximum 1000BASE-SX Fiber Optic Cable Distance		
Fiber Diameter	**Fiber Bandwidth**	**Cable Length Range**
62.5/125 micron multimode fiber (MMF)	160 MHz/km	2-220 m (7-722 ft.)
	200 MHz/km	2-275 m (7-902 ft.)
50/125 micron MMF	400 MHz/km	2-500 m (7-1641 ft.)
	500 MHz/km	2-550 m (7-1805 ft.)

Maximum 1000BASE-LX Fiber Optic Cable Distance		
Fiber Diameter	**Fiber Bandwidth**	**Cable Length Range**
9/125 micron single-mode fiber (SMF)	N/A	2 m - 5 km (7-16,404 ft)

Note: Although maximum cable length for 100BASE-FX fiber depends on the duplex mode, the maximum length for 1000BASE-X fiber is the same for both half and full duplex.

100 Mbps Fast Ethernet Collision Domain

Maximum Fast Ethernet Cable Distance

Type	Cable Type	Max. Cable Length
100BASE-TX	Category 5 100-ohm UTP or STP	100 m (328 ft.)
100BASE-FX Multimode	50/125 or 62.5/125 micron core multimode fiber (MMF)	2 km (1.24 miles)
100BASE-FX Single-Mode	9/125 micron core single-mode fiber (SMF)	20 km (12.43 miles)

SMC 3-2 Rule for Class II Repeaters

Between any two PCs or other stations in the same 100BASE-TX collision domain, there may be:

- up to 3 link segments
- up to 2 Class II repeaters (hubs)

SMC 2-1 Rule for Class I Repeaters

Between any two PCs or other stations in the same 100BASE-TX collision domain, there may be:

- up to 2 link segments and
- up to 1 Class I repeater (hub)

10 Mbps Ethernet Collision Domain

Maximum Ethernet Cable Distance

Cable Type	Maximum Length
Twisted Pair, Categories 3, 4, 5	100 m (328 ft)
Thin Coax	185 m (607 ft)
External Transceiver Drop	50 m (165 ft)

Maximum Network Diameter Using Repeaters

Repeater Type and Number	Twisted Pair 100BASE-TX
1 Class I	200 m (656 ft)
1 Class II	200 m (656 ft)
2 Class II	205 m (672.4 ft)

SMC 5-4-3 Rule

Between any two PCs or other stations in the same 10 Mbps collision domain, there may be:

- up to 5 link segments in series
- up to 4 repeaters (hubs)
- up to 3 populated cable segments, that is, segments attached to two or more PCs (coax networks only)*

* The remaining two segments are unpopulated; these are known as inter-repeater links or IRLs. This distinction between populated and unpopulated segments is significant for coax networks only.

Application Notes

1. Full-duplex operation only applies to point-to-point access (such as when a switch is attached to a workstation, server or another switch). When the switch is connected to a hub, both devices must operate in half-duplex mode.
2. When a switch is connected to a hub or any kind of shared media, remember to turn off back pressure to prevent jamming packets from being propagated thoughout the hub.
3. For network applications that require routing between dissimilar network types, you can attach the TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 units directly to a router.
4. As a general rule the length of fiber optic cable for a single switched link should not exceed:
   - Gigabit Ethernet — 550 m (1805 ft) for multimode fiber or 5 km (16404 ft) for single-mode fiber.
   - Fast Ethernet — 2 km (1.24 miles) for multimode fiber or 20 km (2.43 miles) for single-mode fiber.

   However, power budget constraints must also be considered when calculating the maximum cable length for your specific environment.

CHAPTER 3
INSTALLING THE SWITCH

Selecting a Site

TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 units can be mounted in a standard 19-inch equipment rack or on a flat surface. Be sure to follow the guidelines below when choosing a location.

- The site should:
  - be at the center of all the devices you want to link and near a power outlet.
  - be able to maintain its temperature within 0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F) and its humidity within 5% to 95%, non-condensing
  - provide adequate space (approximately two inches) on all sides for proper air flow
  - be accessible for installing, cabling and maintaining the devices
  - allow the status LEDs to be clearly visible
- Make sure twisted-pair cable is always routed away from power lines, fluorescent lighting fixtures and other sources of electrical interference, such as radios and transmitters.
- Make sure that a separate grounded power outlet that provides 100 to 240 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz, is within 2.44 m (8 feet) of each device and is powered from an independent circuit breaker. As with any equipment, using a filter or surge suppressor is recommended.

Equipment Checklist

After unpacking the TigerSwitch 10/100/1000, check the contents to be sure you have received all the components. Then, before beginning the installation, be sure you have all other necessary installation equipment.

Package Contents

- TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 unit (SMC8624T)
- Four adhesive foot pads
- Bracket Mounting Kit containing two brackets and eight screws for attaching the brackets to the switch
- Power Cord—either US, Continental Europe or UK
- RS-232 console cable
- This Installation Guide
- Management Guide
- SMC Warranty Registration Card—be sure to complete and return to SMC

Optional Rack-Mounting Equipment

If you plan to rack-mount the switch, be sure to have the following equipment available:

- Four mounting screws for each device you plan to install in a rack—these are not included
- A screwdriver (Phillips or flathead, depending on the type of screws used)

Mounting

A TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 unit can be mounted in a standard 19-inch equipment rack or on a desktop or shelf. Mounting instructions for each type of site follow.

Rack Mounting

Before rack mounting the switch, pay particular attention to the following factors:

- Temperature: Since the temperature within a rack assembly may be higher than the ambient room temperature, check that the rack-environment temperature is within the specified operating temperature range. (See page C-1.)
- Mechanical Loading: Do not place any equipment on top of a rack-mounted unit.
- Circuit Overloading: Be sure that the supply circuit to the rack assembly is not overloaded.
- Grounding: Rack-mounted equipment should be properly grounded. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connections to the mains.

To rack-mount devices:

1. Attach the brackets to the device using the screws provided in the Bracket Mounting Kit.

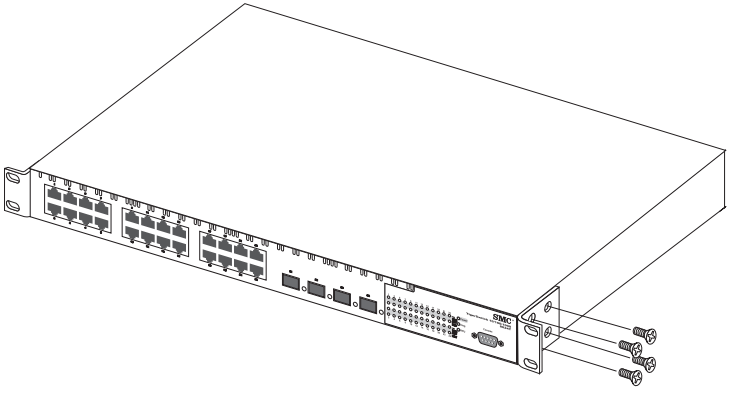

Figure 3-1. Attaching the Brackets

2. Mount the device in the rack, using four rack-mounting screws (not provided).

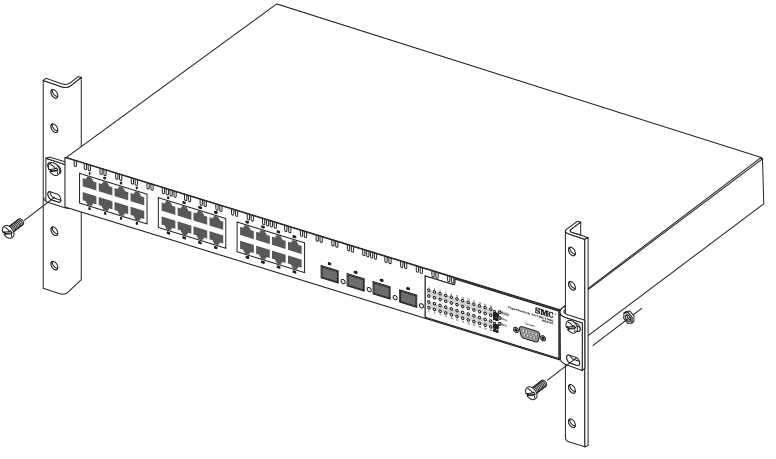

Figure 3-2. Installing the Switch in a Rack

3. If installing a single switch only, turn to "Connecting to a Power Source" at the end of this chapter.

4. If installing multiple switches, mount them in the rack, one below the other, in any order.

5. If also installing RPUs, mount them in the rack below the other devices.

Desktop or Shelf Mounting

1. Attach the four adhesive feet to the bottom of the first switch.

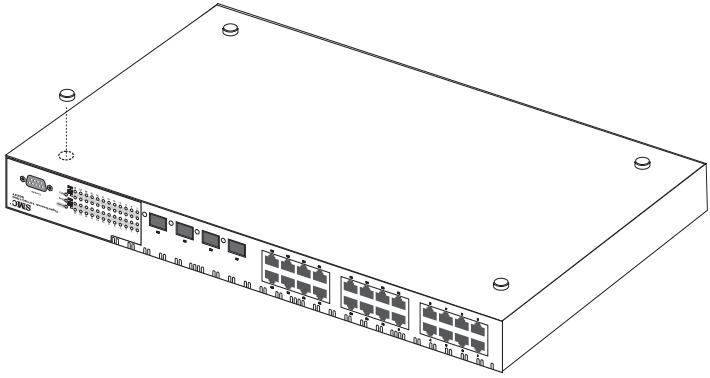

Figure 3-3. Attaching the Adhesive Feet

2. Set the device on a flat surface near an AC power source, making sure there are at least two inches of space on all sides for proper air flow.

3. If installing a single switch only, go to "Connecting to a Power Source" at the end of this chapter.

4. If installing multiple switches, attach four adhesive feet to each one. Place each device squarely on top of the one below, in any order.

5. If also installing RPUs, place them close to the stack.

Connecting to a Power Source

To connect a device to a power source:

1. Insert the power cable plug directly into the receptacle located at the back of the device.

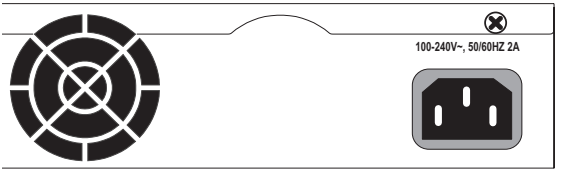

Figure 3-4. Power Receptacle

2. Plug the other end of the cable into a grounded, 3-pin socket.

Note: For International use, you may need to change the AC line cord. You must use a line cord set that has been approved for the receptacle type in your country.

3. Check the front-panel LEDs as the device is powered on to be sure the Power LED is lit. If not, check that the power cable is correctly plugged in.

4. If you have purchased a Redundant Power Unit, connect it to the device and to an AC power source now, following the instructions included with the package.

CHAPTER 4
MAKING NETWORK CONNECTIONS

Connecting Network Devices

The TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 is designed to interconnect multiple segments (or collision domains). It may be connected to network cards in PCs and servers, or to hubs, switches or routers.

Note: Before connecting cables, you may want to first configure the Spanning Tree Protocol to avoid network loops. Refer to the Management Guide for more information.

Twisted-Pair Devices

Each device requires an unshielded twisted-pair (UTP) cable with RJ-45 connectors at both ends. For 100BASE-TX connections, Category 5 cable is required; for 10BASE-T, Category 3, 4 or 5 cable can be used.

For 1000BASE-T connections, Category 5 or 5e (recommended) cable is required with all four wire pairs connected. You should also test the cable installation for IEEE 802.3ab compliance. See "1000BASE-T Pin Assignments" on page B-4.

Cabling Guidelines

The RJ-45 ports on the switch support automatic MDI/MDI-X operation, so you can use standard straight-through twisted-pair cables to connect to any other network device (PCs, servers, switches, routers, or hubs).

Note: If auto-negotiation is disabled for an RJ-45 port, the auto-MDI/MDI-X pin signal configuration is also disabled.

See Appendix B for further information on cabling.

Caution: Do not plug a phone jack connector into an RJ-45 port. This will damage the switch. Use only twisted-pair cables with RJ-45 connectors that conform to FCC standards.

Connecting to PCs, Servers, Hubs and Switches

1. Attach one end of a twisted-pair cable segment to the device's RJ-45 connector.

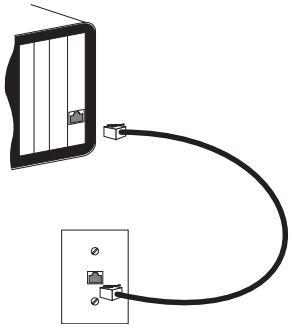

Figure 4-1. Making Twisted-Pair Connections

2. If the device is a network card and the TigerSwitch is in the wiring closet, attach the other end of the cable segment to a modular wall outlet that is connected to the wiring closet (see "Wiring Closet Connections" on the next page). Otherwise, attach the other end to an available port on the switch.

   Make sure each twisted pair cable does not exceed 100 meters (328 ft) in length.

   Note: When connected to a shared collision domain (such as a hub with multiple workstations), switch ports must be set to half-duplex mode and back pressure flow control disabled.

3. As each connection is made, the green Link LED (on the TigerSwitch) corresponding to each port will light to indicate that the connection is valid.

Wiring Closet Connections

Today, the punch-down block is an integral part of many of the newer equipment racks. It is actually part of the patch panel. Instructions for making connections in the wiring closet with this type of equipment follow.

1. Attach one end of a patch cable to an available port on the switch, and the other end to the patch panel.

2. If not already in place, attach one end of a cable segment to the back of the patch panel where the punch-down block is located, and the other end to a modular wall outlet.

3. Label the cables to simplify future troubleshooting.

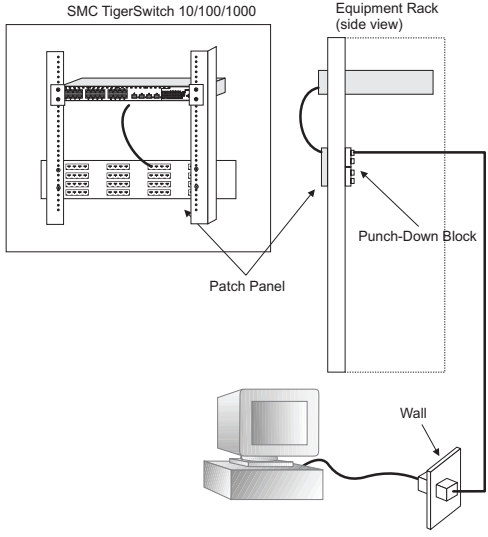

Figure 4-2. Wiring Closet Connections

APPENDIX A
TROUBLESHOOTING

Diagnosing Switch Indicators

Troubleshooting Chart	
Symptom	**Action**
Power LED is Off	• Internal power supply is disconnected. • Check connections between the switch, the power cord, and the wall outlet. • Contact SMC Technical Support.
Power LED is Red	• Internal power supply has failed. Contact your local dealer for assistance.
Link LED is Off	• Verify that the switch and attached device is powered on. • Be sure the cable is plugged into both the switch and corresponding device. • Verify that the proper cable type is used and its length does not exceed specified limits. • Check the adapter on the attached device and cable connections for possible defects. Replace the defective adapter or cable if necessary.

Power and Cooling Problems

If the power indicator does not turn on when the power cord is plugged in, you may have a problem with the power outlet, power cord, or internal power supply. However, if the unit powers off after running for a while, check for loose power connections, power losses or surges at the power

outlet, and verify that the fans on the unit are unobstructed and running prior to shutdown. If you still cannot isolate the problem, then the internal power supply may be defective. In this case, contact SMC Technical Support for assistance.

Installation

Verify that all system components have been properly installed. If one or more components appear to be malfunctioning (such as the power cord or network cabling), test them in an alternate environment where you are sure that all the other components are functioning properly.

In-Band Access

You can access the management agent in the switch from anywhere within the attached network using Telnet, a Web browser, or other network management software such as EliteView. However, you must first configure the switch with a valid IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway. If you have trouble establishing a link to the management agent, check to see if you have a valid network connection. Then verify that you entered the correct IP address. Also, be sure the port through which you are connecting to the switch has not been disabled. If it has not been disabled, then check the network cabling that runs between your remote location and the switch.

Note: The management agent can accept up to four simultaneous Telnet sessions. If the maximum number of sessions already exists, an additional Telnet connection will not be able to log into the system.

APPENDIX B
CABLES

Specifications

Cable Types and Specifications			
Cable	**Type**	**Max. Length**	**Connector**
10BASE-T	Cat. 3, 4, 5 100-ohm UTP	100 m (328 ft)	RJ-45
100BASE-TX	Cat. 5 100-ohm UTP	100 m (328 ft)	RJ-45
100BASE-FX	50/125 or 62.5/125 micron core multimode fiber (MMF)	2 km (1.24 miles)	SC, ST or MT-RJ
100BASE-FX	9/125 9 micron core single-mode fiber (SMF)	20 km (12.43 miles)	SC, ST or MT-RJ
1000BASE-SX	50/125 or 62.5/125 micron core MMF	See the following table	SC, ST, LC, SG or MT-RJ
1000BASE-LX	9/125 micron SMF	5 km (3.12 miles)	SC, ST, LC, SG or MT-RJ
1000BASE-T	Cat. 5, 5e 100-ohm UTP	100 m (328 ft)	RJ-45

1000BASE-SX Fiber Specifications		
Fiber Diameter	**Fiber Bandwidth**	**Cable Length Range**
62.5/125 micron MMF	160 MHz/km	2-220 m (7-722 ft.)
	200 MHz/km	2-275 m (7-902 ft.)
50/125 micron MMF	400 MHz/km	2-500 m (7-1641 ft.)
	500 MHz/km	2-550 m (7-1805 ft.)

Twisted-Pair Cable and Pin Assignments

Caution: DO NOT plug a phone jack connector into any RJ-45 port. Use only twisted-pair cables with RJ-45 connectors that conform with FCC standards.

For 100BASE-TX/10BASE-T connections, a twisted-pair cable must have two pairs of wires. Each wire pair is identified by two different colors. For example, one wire might be red and the other, red with white stripes. Also, an RJ-45 connector must be attached to both ends of the cable.

Caution: Each wire pair must be attached to the RJ-45 connectors in a specific orientation. (See "Cabling Guidelines" on page 4-1 for an explanation.)

Figure B-1 illustrates how the pins on the RJ-45 connector are numbered. Be sure to hold the connectors in the same orientation when attaching the wires to the pins.

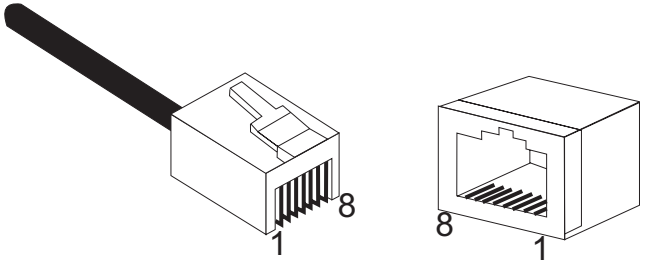

Figure B-1. RJ-45 Connector Pin Numbers

100BASE-TX/10BASE-T Pin Assignments

With 100BASE-TX/10BASE-T cable, pins 1 and 2 are used for transmitting data, and pins 3 and 6 for receiving data.

RJ-45 Pin Assignments	
Pin Number	Assignment[1]
1	Tx+
2	Tx-
3	Rx+
6	Rx-

1: The "+" and "-" signs represent the polarity of the wires that make up each wire pair.

Because all ports on this switch support automatic MDI/MDI-X operation, you can use straight-through cables for all network connections to PCs or servers, or to other switches or hubs. In straight-through cable, pins 1, 2, 3, and 6, at one end of the cable, are connected straight through to pins 1, 2, 3 and 6 at the other end of the cable. The table below shows the 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX MDI and MDI-X port pinouts.

Pin	MDI-X Signal Name	MDI Signal Name
1	Receive Data plus (RD+)	Transmit Data plus (TD+)
2	Receive Data minus (RD-)	Transmit Data minus (TD-)
3	Transmit Data plus (TD+)	Receive Data plus (RD+)
6	Transmit Data minus (TD-)	Receive Data minus (RD-)

No other pins are used.

Note: If auto-negotiation is disabled for an RJ-45 port, the auto-MDI/MDI-X pin signal configuration is also disabled.

1000BASE-T Pin Assignments

1000BASE-T ports switch support automatic MDI/MDI-X operation, so you can use straight-through cables for all network connections to PCs or servers, or to other switches or hubs.

The table below shows the 1000BASE-T MDI and MDI-X port pinouts. These ports require that all four pairs of wires be connected. Note that for 1000BASE-T operation, all four pairs of wires are used for both transmit and receive.

Use 100-ohm Category 5 or 5e unshielded twisted-pair (UTP) or shielded twisted-pair (STP) cable for 1000BASE-T connections. Also be sure that the length of any twisted-pair connection does not exceed 100 meters (328 feet).

Pin	MDI Signal Name	MDI-X Signal Name
1	Transmit Data plus (TD1+)	Transmit Data plus (TD2 +)
2	Receive Data minus (RD1-)	Receive Data minus (RD2-)
3	Transmit Data plus (TD2+)	Transmit Data plus (TD1+)
4	Transmit Data plus (TD3+)	Transmit Data plus (TD4+)
5	Receive Data minus (RD3-)	Receive Data minus (RD4-)
6	Receive Data minus (RD2-)	Receive Data minus (RD1-)
7	Transmit Data plus (TD4+)	Transmit Data plus (TD3+)
8	Receive Data minus (RD4-)	Receive Data minus (RD3-)

1000BASE-T Cable Requirements

All Category 5 UTP cables that are used for 100BASE-TX connections should also work for 1000BASE-T, providing that all four wire pairs are connected. However, it is recommended that for all critical connections, or any new cable installations, Category 5e (enhanced Category 5) cable should be used. The Category 5e specification includes test parameters that are only recommendations for Category 5. Therefore, the first step in preparing existing Category 5 cabling for running 1000BASE-T is a simple test of the cable installation to be sure that it complies with the IEEE 802.3ab standards.

Cable Testing for Existing Category 5 Cable

Installed Category 5 cabling must pass tests for Attenuation, Near-End Crosstalk (NEXT), and Far-End Crosstalk (FEXT). This cable testing information is specified in the ANSI/TIA/EIA-TSB-67 standard. Additionally, cables must also pass test parameters for Return Loss and Equal-Level Far-End Crosstalk (ELFEXT). These tests are specified in the ANSI/TIA/EIA-TSB-95 Bulletin, "The Additional Transmission Performance Guidelines for 100 Ohm 4-Pair Category 5 Cabling."

Note that when testing your cable installation, be sure to include all patch cables between switches and end devices.

Adjusting Existing Category 5 Cabling to Run 1000BASE-T

If your existing Category 5 installation does not meet one of the test parameters for 1000BASE-T, there are basically three measures that can be applied to try and correct the problem:

1. Replace any Category 5 patch cables with high-performance Category 5e cables.

2. Reduce the number of connectors used in the link.

3. Reconnect some of the connectors in the link.

Console Port Pin Assignments

The DB-9 serial port on the switch's front panel is used to connect to the switch for out-of-band console configuration. The on-board menu-driven configuration program can be accessed from a terminal, or a PC running a terminal emulation program. The pin assignments used to connect to the serial port are provided in the following tables.

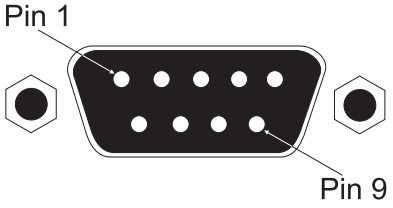

Figure B-2. DB-9 Console Port Pin Numbers

DB-9 Port Pin Assignments

EIA Circuit	CCITT Signal	Description	Switch's DB9 DTE Pin #	PC DB9 DTE Pin #	Signal Direction DCE-DTE
BB	104	**RxD** (Received Data)	2	2	------>
BA	103	**TxD** (Transmitted Data)	3	3	<------
AB	102	**SGND** (Signal Ground)	5	5	--------

No other pins are used.

Console Port to 9-Pin COM Port on PC

Switch's 9-Pin Serial Port	CCITT Signal	PC's 9-Pin COM Port
2 RXD	<---------RXD ----------	3 TxD
3 TXD	----------TXD ---------->	2 RxD
5 SGND	----------SGND ----------	5 SGND

No other pins are used.

Console Port to 25-Pin DTE Port on PC

Switch's 9-Pin Serial Port	Null Modem	PC's 25-Pin DTE Port
2 RXD	<---------RXD ----------	2 TXD
3 TXD	----------TXD ---------->	3 RXD
5 SGND	----------SGND ----------	7 SGND

No other pins are used.

APPENDIX C
SPECIFICATIONS

Physical Characteristics

Ports
20 10//100/1000BASE-T, with auto-negotiation
Four 10/100/1000BASE-T shared with four SFP transceiver slots

Network Interface
10BASE-T: RJ-45 (100-ohm, UTP cable; Categories 3, 4, 5)
100BASE-TX: RJ-45 (100-ohm, UTP cable; Category 5)
1000BASE-T: RJ-45 (100-ohm Category 5 or 5e UTP or STP cable)
RJ-45 connector, auto MDI/MDI-X

Buffer Architecture
2 Mbytes per system

Switching Database
32 K MAC address entries

LEDs
System: Power, RPU, Diag.,
Port: Link/Act., FDX

Weight
4.36 kg (9.5 lbs)

Size
44.0 x 35.4 x 4.3 cm (17.37 x 13.9 x 1.7 in.)

Temperature
Operating: 0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F)
Storage: -40 to 70 °C (-40 to 158 °F)

Humidity
Operating: 10% to 90%

AC Input
100 to 240 V, 50 to 60 Hz

Power Supply
Internal, auto-ranging transformer: 90 to 260 VAC, 47 to 63 Hz
Redundant DC input

Power Consumption
48 Watts maximum

Maximum Current
2 A @ 115 VAC
1 A @ 230 VAC

Switch Features

Spanning Tree Protocol

Forwarding Mode
Store-and-forward

Flow Control
Full Duplex: IEEE 802.3x
Half Duplex: Back pressure

Broadcast Storm Suppression
Traffic throttled above a critical threshold

VLAN Support
Up to 255 groups; port-based or with 802.1Q VLAN tagging, GVRP for automatic VLAN learning

Multicast Switching
IGMP Snooping

Quality of Service
Supports four levels of priority and Weighted Round Robin queueing

Management Features

In-Band Management
Telnet, Web-based HTTP, or SNMP manager
(EliteView Network Management software provided free)

Out-of-Band Management
RS-232 DB-9 console port

Software Loading
TFTP in-band or XModem out-of-band

MIB Support
MIB II (RFC 1213), Bridge MIB (RFC 1493), Interfaces Evolution MIB (RFC 2863), Ethernet MIB (RFC 2665), Extended Bridge MIB (RFC 2674), RMON MIB (RFC 2819), Entity MIB (RFC 2737), RADIUS authentication client MIB (RFC 2618), SMC's private MIB

RMON Support
Groups 1, 2, 3, 9 (Statistics, History, Alarm, Event)

Additional Features
Port Trunks
Port Mirroring

Standards

IEEE 802.3 Ethernet, IEEE 802.3u Fast Ethernet,
IEEE 802.3z Gigabit Ethernet, IEEE 802.3ab 1000BASE-T,
IEEE 802.1D Spanning Tree Protocol and traffic priorities,
IEEE 802.1p priority tags, IEEE 802.1Q VLAN,
IEEE 802.3ac VLAN tagging,
IEEE 802.ad Link Aggregation Control Protocol
IEEE 802.3x full-duplex flow control (ISO/IEC 8802-3)
SNMP (RFC 1157), RMON (RFC 1757 groups 1,2,3,9), RADIUS (RFC 2618)

Compliances

CE Mark

Emissions
FCC Class A
Industry Canada Class A
EN55022 (CISPR 22) Class A
EN 61000-3-2/3
VCCI Class A
C-Tick - AS/NZS 3548 (1995) Class A

Immunity
EN 61000-4-2/3/4/5/6/8/11

Safety
CSA/NRTL (CSA 22.2.950 & UL 1950)
EN60950 (TÜV/GS)

Warranty

Limited lifetime

APPENDIX D
ORDERING INFORMATION

TigerSwitch 10/100/1000 Products and Accessories	
Product Number	**Description**
SMC8624T	24 10/100/1000BASE-T ports switch with four Gigabit combo ports with RJ-45 connectors and associated SFP transceiver slots
SMCBGSLCX1	1-port 1000BASE-SX Small Form Pluggable (SFP) mini-GBIC transceiver
SMCBGLLCX1	1-port 1000BASE-LX Small Form Pluggable (SFP) mini-GBIC transceiver
SMCRPU600W*	Redundant power unit with cables, supports one device

* Also available in models for Continental Europe and the UK.

GLOSSARY

10BASE-T

IEEE 802.3 specification for 10 Mbps Ethernet over two pairs of Category 3, 4, or 5 UTP cable.

100BASE-TX

IEEE 802.3u specification for 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet over two pairs of Category 5 UTP cable.

100BASE-FX

IEEE 802.3u specification for 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet over two strands of 50/125 or 62.5/125 micron core fiber cable.

1000BASE-SX

IEEE 802.3z specification for Gigabit Ethernet over two strands of 50/125 or 62.5/125 micron core fiber cable.

1000BASE-LX

IEEE 802.3z specification for Gigabit Ethernet over two strands of 50/125, 62.5/125 or 9/125 micron core fiber cable.

1000BASE-T

IEEE 802.3ab specification for Gigabit Ethernet over 100-ohm Category 5 or 5e twisted-pair cable (using all four wire pairs).

Auto-Negotiation

Signalling method allowing each node to select its optimum operational mode (e.g., 10 Mbps or 100 Mbps and half or full duplex) based on the capabilities of the node to which it is connected.

Bandwidth

The difference between the highest and lowest frequencies available for network signals. Also synonymous with wire speed, the actual speed of the data transmission along the cable.

Collision

A condition in which packets transmitted over the cable interfere with each other. Their interference makes both signals unintelligible.

Collision Domain

Single CSMA/CD LAN segment.

CSMA/CD

CSMA/CD (Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Detect) is the communication method employed by Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, or Gigabit Ethernet.

End Station

A workstation, server, or other device that does not forward traffic.

Ethernet

A network communication system developed and standardized by DEC, Intel, and Xerox, using baseband transmission, CSMA/CD access, logical bus topology, and coaxial cable. The successor IEEE 802.3 standard provides for integration into the OSI model and extends the physical layer and media with repeaters and implementations that operate on fiber, thin coax and twisted-pair cable.

Fast Ethernet

A 100 Mbps network communication system based on Ethernet and the CSMA/CD access method.

Gigabit Ethernet

A 1000 Mbps network communication system based on Ethernet and the CSMA/CD access method.

Full Duplex

Transmission method that allows two network devices to transmit and receive concurrently, effectively doubling the bandwidth of that link.

IEEE

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

IEEE 802.3

Defines carrier sense multiple access with collision detection (CSMA/CD) access method and physical layer specifications.

IEEE 802.3ab

Defines CSMA/CD access method and physical layer specifications for 1000BASE-T Fast Ethernet.

IEEE 802.3u

Defines CSMA/CD access method and physical layer specifications for 100BASE-TX Fast Ethernet.

IEEE 802.3x

Defines Ethernet frame start/stop requests and timers used for flow control on full-duplex links.

IEEE 802.3z

Defines CSMA/CD access method and physical layer specifications for 1000BASE Gigabit Ethernet.

Local Area Network (LAN)

A group of interconnected computer and support devices.

LAN Segment

Separate LAN or collision domain.

LED

Light emitting diode used for monitoring a device or network condition.

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Media Access Control (MAC)

A portion of the networking protocol that governs access to the transmission medium, facilitating the exchange of data between network nodes.

MIB

An acronym for Management Information Base. It is a set of database objects that contains information about the device.

Network Diameter

Wire distance between two end stations in the same collision domain.

Redundant Power Unit (RPU)

A backup power supply unit that automatically takes over in case the primary power supply should fail.

RJ-45 Connector

A connector for twisted-pair wiring.

Switched Ports

Ports that are on separate collision domains or LAN segments.

Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)

Protocol suite that includes TCP as the primary transport protocol, and IP as the network layer protocol.

UTP

Unshielded twisted-pair cable.

Virtual LAN (VLAN)

A Virtual LAN is a collection of network nodes that share the same collision domain regardless of their physical location or connection point in the network. A VLAN serves as a logical workgroup with no physical barriers, allowing users to share information and resources as though located on the same LAN.

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